# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN WEST BENGAL
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of people in the waiting list for telephone connections is West Bengal as on February 1, 2003, district-wise; and

(b) the time by which these people are likely to be provided telephone connections?;

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The waiting list of Telephone connections in West Bengal telecom as on 1.2.2003 is 171559. The district-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The waitlisted persons are likely to be provided telephone connections progressively by March 2004 subject to availability of resources and financial viability of opening of new Telephone Exchanges.

ANNEXURE

WAITING LIST IN WEST BENGAL AS ON 1.2.2003

| Sl. No | Name of District | Name SSA | Waiting list as on February 1,2003 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bakura | Bakura | 9209 |
| 2 | Birbhum | Suri | 8612 |
| 3 | Burdwan | Asansol | 22380 |
| 4 | Coochbehar | Coochbehar | 3127 |
| 5 | Darjeeling | Siliguri | 6695 |
| 6 | Dinajpur(N) | Raiganj | 1086 |
| 7 | Dinajpur (S) | Raiganj | 1204 |
| 8 | Hoogly | Calcutta | 13259 |
| 9 | Howrah | Calcutta | 12564 |
| 10 | Jalpaiguri | Jalpaiguri | 4288 |
| 11 | Kolkata TD | Kolkata | 0 |
| 12 | Malda | Malda | 5442 |
| 13 | Midnapur | Kharagpur | 27243 |
| 14 | Murshidabad | Berhampur | 10186 |
| 15 | Nadia | Krishnan agar | 13500 |
| 16 | North 24 Pargannas | Calcutta | 15182 |
| 17 | Purulia | Purulia | 2620 |
| 18 | South 24 Pargannas | Calcutta | 14962 |
| Total | | | 171559 |